USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 7.20, up 6.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand rises over the past week, driven less by consumer demand and more by demand from marketers as they work to cover their anticipated needs for the approaching Easter demand period. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are increasing as buyers work to cover their needs from diminishing offerings. Trading is moderate. Prices for loose eggs continue to rise sharply under conditions similar to the carton market. The pace of trading is increasing. Prices for breaking stock are higher on reduced offerings and supplies. Interest is good to maintain schedules at as full-time as possible as Easter carton demand has reduced product availability in the spot market. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates another decline in feature activity and the average ad price jumps on the thin test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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328,064,798 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Percentage flock in molt

1.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock 322,202,049 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 81.3% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 261,993,148 (total productive flock * lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 72,193,011 (27.56% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 189,800,137 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 527,223 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,448,100 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

62.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)

326,878 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))

(817,195 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

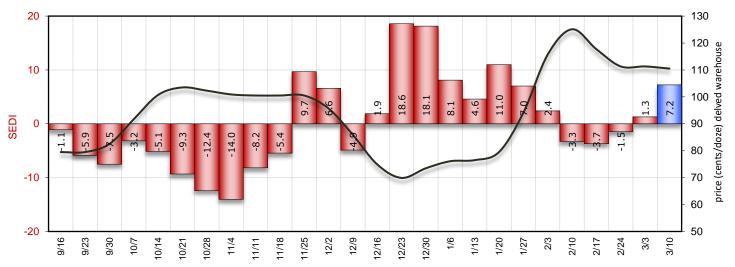
4.75 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

4.43 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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7.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: <u>USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type</u> <u>USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)</u>

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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